

Amendment No. 1 to SB2857

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2857

House Bill No. 2806*

By deleting Section 1 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of the department of human services is directed to conduct a study that will assess the feasibility of a more work friendly assistance eligibility benefits requirement in order to increase workforce participation. The commissioner should particularly attend to reforming current public assistance programs and coordinating income disregard and eligibility across TANF to encourage work effort on the part of welfare recipients and as a means to supplement the income of low-wage employees. The study should examine the feasibility of adopting graduated income disregards for benefits that decline over time, based on the increased income from the recipient's employment. The commissioner shall consult with the various state departments and agencies, including but not limited to, the department of agriculture, the Tennessee housing development authority, the bureau of TennCare and any other interested stakeholders. This study, which is currently being conducted, shall include a comprehensive review of the TANF program and how work-friendly it is with recipients joining the workforce. The department shall report the results of the study to the senate health and welfare committee and the house health and human resources committee on or before July 1, 2013.